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SUBJ: COMPOSITION OF UNEF: CONVERSATION WITH MALIK

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1. I MET WITH AMB MALIK 1 PM OCT 31 IMMEDIATELY AFTER SEEING SYG WALDHEIM (REFTEL).

2. MALIK OPENED WITH DECLARATION THAT IN TWO SUCCESSIVE SYG REPORTS, WALDHEIM HAD MENTIONED SENDING CANADIAN ELEMENT TO UNEF. MALIK SAID HE HAD "STRONGLY OPPOSED" ACTION BECAUSE CANADA IS IN NATO. DOBRYNIN HAD TOLD MALIK HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED CANADIAN PARTICIPATION WITH DR. KISSINGER. MALIK CONCLUDED: "DON'T PRESS SYG. LET HIM BE EVEN-HANDED. I DO NOT WANT A CONFRONTATION WITH YOU OR AMB MCINTYRE."

3. I TOLD MALIK I HAD ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH SELECTION OF CANADA. SYG HAD MADE ANNOUNCEMENT OCT 27. "YOU DID NOT OBJECT, AND YOU HAVE BEEN TELLING ME THAT SILENCE IS CONSENT." MALIK COMPLAINED THAT SYG HAD NOT CONSULTED WITH HIM ABOUT CANADIAN NOMINATION. I SAID HE HAD NOT CONSULTED WITH ME EITHER. HOWEVER, SYG HAD FOUR DAYS AGO STATED HIS INTENTION USE CANADIANS, GIVING US OR ANYONE ELSE OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT. I ASKED MALIK WHY, IF HE HAD OBJECTION, HE HAD NOT VOICED IT.

4. MALIK RECALLED OUR CONVERSATIONS TO AGREE ON UNEF
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COMPOSITION. "WE WERE DISCUSSING NORWAY AND ROMANIA. WE DISCUSSED PARITY." I REMINDED MALIK I HAD MADE CLEAR I COULD NOT SPEAK FOR NATO. APROPOS OF NOTHING, MALIK AGAIN BROUGHT UP "COLONEL FROM CANADA" WHO HAD ESCORTED THREE BATTALIONS FROM

CYPRUS TO EGYPT. I INFORMED HIM THAT SAID COLONEL HAD IMMEDIATELY GONE BACK TO CYPRUS. MALIK DROPPED THE MATTER.

5. MALIK OBJECTED THAT SYG HAD NO AUTHORITY TO ASK FINNS, SWEDES AND AUSTRIANS TO AUGMENT THEIR CONTINGENTS. I ARGUED CONTINGENTS NOT BEING AUGMENTED, RATHER VACANCIES WERE BEING FILLED. MALIK SHOUTED THAT IT "NOT REASONABLE" TO SEND PEOPLE TO MIDDLE EAST FROM HELSINKI, STOCKHOLM AND VIENNA (INSTEAD OF CYPRUS) WITHOUT SECURITY COUNCIL OKAY.

6. JUST AS MALIK WAS WARMING UP TO ARGUMENT THAT POLAND COULD DO AS GOOD A JOB AS CANADA, HE WAS CALLED TO TELEPHONE "FROM MOSCOW". BACK FROM PHONE, MALIK SAID HE SINCERELY WANTED TO AGREE WITH US ON AT LEAST ONE POINT. HE SWITCHED TO SUBJECT OF UNTSO (SEPTEL), AND WE DID NOT RETURN TO TOPIC OF UNEF. SCALI

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